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MEMORANDUM FOR ☐ SR 2
FROM ☐ FI/D
SUBJECT : Cipher system used by AEMARSH

1. The system of secret communication used by AEMARSH in overt text is known as a "GRILLE" system. This system of communication is employed successfully between correspondents and does elude detection if proper care is exercised in the preparation of the "dummy letter".

2. The use of subject system does have certain disadvantages. Some of these are as follows:

- a. Length of messages would be restricted.
- b. Each correspondent must have in his possession a grille. (We are given to understand that the grille is a sheet of very ordinary 4-hole note book paper.)
- c. According to information received, several messages have already been passed. Also, an attempt to explain the system in guarded phrases has been sent via ordinary mail. It is therefore quite possible that this grille has been compromised.

3. In summary, while a system of this type is theoretically fairly secure, it is recommended that the points mentioned in paragraph 2 above should be carefully considered before operational use of the system is made.

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